

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
JEMISON BAPTIST CHURCH

October 10th and 11th, 1900.

OFFICERS

F. M. WOOD	Moderator	Clanton
W. J. REDDICK	Stated Clerk	Clanton
E. B. DEAL	Treasurer	Clanton

*The next session will be held with the Baptist Church at
Alpine, Chilton County, four miles northeast of
Plantersville on Wednesday before Second
Sunday in October, 1901.*

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CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

<i>State Missions</i>	J. L. LONG.....	Boston
<i>Home Missions</i>	W. H. BURNS.....	Plantersville
<i>Foreign Missions</i>	P. C. DENNIS.....	Copper
<i>Education</i>	E. B. DEASON.....	Clanton
<i>Ministerial Education</i> ..	W. H. CONNELL.....	Stanton
<i>Bible Schools</i>	J. W. MITCHELL.....	Plantersville
<i>Periodicals</i>	S. B. CULPEPPER.....	Hogon
<i>Temperance</i>	J. M. SMOKE.....	Huckabone
<i>Institute Work</i>	T. J. DEASON.....	Kincheon
<i>Orphans' Home</i>	W. W. CARTER.....	Billingsley

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises, 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
2. Introductory Sermon, 11 a.m.
3. Call to order, (after dinner).
4. Organization.
5. Read Rules of Decorum.
6. Invite Ministers not messengers to seats.
7. Admission of new churches.
8. Receive correspondents.
9. Appoint Committees to report this session.
 - On Preaching this session.
 - Letters and Documents.
 - Aged and Infirm Ministers.
 - Deceased Ministers.
 - Nominations.
10. Hear Reports.
11. Appoint Committees to report next session.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

1. The Unity Baptist Association met in its forty-sixth annual session with the Baptist church at Jemison, Ala., on Wednesday, October 10th, 1900, at 10 a.m.

2. The devotional exercises were conducted by W. H. Burns. The 84th Psalm was read and prayers offered by J. W. Mitchell, W. J. Ruddick, I. Windsor, J. M. Smoke and F. M. Woods.

3. At 11 a.m. J. M. Smoke preached the Introductory Sermon from Eph. iv :13. Theme "Coming in the Unity of the Faith."

4. After the sermon a recess was taken for dinner until 2 p.m.

5. The Clerk enrolled the following delegates :

Alpine—T. F. Johnson, J. E. McCullough.

Bethel—A. O. Vinzant, N. L. Maroney.

Bethesda—W. T. Wyatt, M. P. Wallace, H. Deramus.

Bethsalem—A. T. Hathcock.

Billingsley—W. L. Price, W. W. Carter.

Big Spring—A. L. Willis, J. E. Wright, G. W. Wright, W. W. Wright, T. L. Patrick.

Brookson—D. W. Wilkins, B. P. Jones.

Chestnut Creek—P. C. Dennis, B. T. Calloway, H. A. J. Harris, E. J. Jones.

Clanton—F. M. Woods, E. B. Deason, W. H. Sartor, P. M. Moore.

Concord—E. H. Parrish, T. N. Parrish.

Corinth—J. N. Goss.

Ebenezer—W. J. Ruddick, W. H. Connell, I. J. Letcher.

Evergreen—J. H. Apperson, W. W. Caffey.

Friendship—J. L. Long.

Good Hope—J. G. Walker, J. C. Walker, Leon Boon, B. M. Rollinson, P. M. Tatum.

Harmony—H. E. Wallace, J. H. Griffis, W. N. Darden.

Jemison—J. W. Langston, W. D. Horsley, J. M. Collier.

Maple Spring—J. A. Kicker.

Mt. Zion—W. W. Jones, O. B. Young.

Mulberry—S. K. Rasberry, J. L. Palmer, J. L. Williams, R. J. Williams, J. D. Lightsey, J. C. Yeazey.

- New Prospect*—G. W. Coburn, S. B. Culpepper.
Plantersville—W. H. Burns, R. T. Carroll.
Pleasant Grove—P. G. Maness, J. P. Merchant.
Pilgrim's Rest—S. S. Chandler.
Providence—W. W. Robinson, M. L. Bates, J. A. Cleckler.
Randolph—I. Windsor.
Salem—J. C. Allred, J. H. Driver.
Shady Grove—J. C. King.
Shiloh—John Askins, Jos. Bone, R. L. Williams.
Valley Creek—R. J. Mitchell, T. A. Gay, A. K. Barnes.
Verbena—H. W. Caffey, L. Moore, J. T. Bland.
Liberty—H. Cook, Jos. Cook.

6. At 2 p. m. a portion of Scripture was read, and God's blessing asked on this session. The Moderator declared the Association ready for business.

7. The Clerk called the roll. Absentees were erased.

8. On motion of N. L. Maroney, F. M. Woods was unanimously re-elected Moderator.

9. On motion of W. J. Ruddick, E. B. Deason was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

10. The Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

11. On motion the letters from the churches were read, the Moderator appointing E. B. Deason, W. H. Sartor and J. M. Collier to do so.

12. Ministers not messengers were invited to seats. I. Windsor, J. L. Hand, J. W. Mitchell, R. H. Long, T. Maroney, W. H. Walker and D. F. Ellisor of the M. E. Church South, were recognized and took seats with us.

13. Billingsley church, newly constituted, and Liberty church, from the Weogufka Association, presented petitionary letters asking admission into this Association. They were unanimously received. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to their delegates.

14. The following brethren were present as correspondents:

From Mulberry Association R. H. Long; from Cahaba Association J. W. Mitchell; from Shelby Association I. Windsor; Institute Board G. S. Anderson.

15. W. J. Ruddick in behalf of T. U. Crumpton (who has lately returned from an extended trip to the East and pre-

vented from being present on account of the serious illness of his oldest son) presented to the Association a handsome gavel brought by him from the city of Jerusalem. The Association accepted the same and returned thanks through the Moderator.

16. Prayer was offered for the recovery of Brother Crumpton's son. W. J. Ruddick led in the prayer.

17. The following committees were appointed to report at this session :

On Preaching—Pastor and Deacons of Jemison church.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—W. W. Caffey, E. H. Parrish, R. J. Williams.

Deceased Ministers—G. W. Coburn, D. W. Wilkins, J. C. King.

Nominations—W. L. Price, W. H. Burns, P. M. Moore.

Finance—W. W. Carter, P. C. Dennis, B. J. Calloway.

Letters and Documents—W. H. Connell, P. M. Tatum, J. P. Merchant.

18. J. M. Collier was appointed to prepare report on Periodicals and P. G. Maness the report on Education.

19. The report on Ministerial Education was read by the Clerk. The report was discussed by G. S. Anderson and the report adopted.

Collection for Institute Work \$20.00.

20. Committee on preaching reported that W. J. Ruddick preach at 7:30 to night; F. M. Woods Missionary Sermon at 11: a.m. to-morrow; I. Windsor preach at 7:30 to-morrow night.

21. The Association was led in prayer by G. S. Anderson and adjourned until 9 a.m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

22. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. H. Caffey at 8:30 a.m.

23. 9 a.m. The Moderator called the body to order.

24. The reports on State, Home, and Foreign Missions were read by W. J. Ruddick, P. G. Maness and W. H. Connell, and were discussed together by W. J. Ruddick, P. G. Maness, S. D. Culpepper, J. L. Long and J. W. Mitchell. The reports were then adopted.

25. W. H. Provence, of the Montgomery Association, representing the State Board of Missions, J. W. Stewart, of the Orphans' Home, and S. M. Adams were recognized and invited to seats.

26. F. M. Woods preached the missionary sermon at 11 a.m. Text Matt. vi:10. Theme "God's will accomplished on the earth." Collection for Missions \$18.25. S. B. Culpepper asked God's blessing on the offering.

27. Adjourned until 2 p.m. Benediction by W. H. Connell.

28. The afternoon devotional exercises were conducted by T. J. Deason.

29. The report on Bible Schools was read by W. J. Ruddick. Discussed by W. J. Ruddick, J. L. Long, S. M. Adams and J. M. Collier, and adopted.

30. E. B. Deason read the report on Temperance. It was discussed by J. M. Collier, J. W. Stewart, T. Maroney, S. M. Adams, and then adopted.

31. J. M. Collier read the report on Periodicals. He made the opening speech and was followed by J. W. Stewart. The report was adopted.

32. The Orphans' Home was reported on by J. L. Long. J. W. Stewart addressed the Association in the interest of his work. The Moderator spoke a few words, followed by a collection of \$15.00 in cash and \$5.00 in pledge. The report was adopted.

33. P. G. Maness made report on Education; W. H. Provence spoke to the report and it was adopted.

34. The committee on Letters and Documents reported through W. H. Connell and the report was adopted.

35. Aged and Infirm Ministers were reported by W. W. Caffey; after a collection of \$4.63 the report was concurred in.

36. G. W. Coburn reported that none of our ministers had died during the year. Report was adopted.

37. W. L. Price read the Report on Nominations. W. J. Ruddick made a few explanatory remarks and the report was adopted.

38. The following committees were appointed to report next session.

State Missions—J. L. Long, J. A. Kicker, T. N. Parrish.

Home Missions—W. H. Burns, J. C. Veazey, T. J. Johnson.

Foreign Missions—P. C. Dennis, T. N. Parrish, W. W. Jones.

Education—E. B. Deason, J. N. Goss, G. W. Wright.

Ministerial Education—W. H. Connell, J. C. King, J. J. Letcher.

Bible Schools—Wiley Mitchell, J. H. Griffiths, J. A. Cleckler.

Periodicals—S. B. Culpepper, A. L. Willis, J. H. Apperson.

Temperance—J. M. Smoke, B. T. Calloway, H. E. Wallace.

Institute Work—T. J. Deason, Joseph Bone, J. L. Williams.

Orphans' Home—W. W. Carter, W. W. Caffey, A. T. Hathcock.

39. There was no report made on Institute Work. As the report on Ministerial Education covered the subject it was passed by.

40. A letter from the colored Baptist Church, of Autaugaville, relative to the Baptist church building there was presented. The Association having no powers over the building, the letter was laid on the table.

41. The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved : That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the Jemison Baptist church, and friends in the community, for the kind and generous hospitality extended to the messengers and visitors during this annual session.

42. The following preamble and resolutions were read and unanimously adopted :

Whereas, there can be no real and permanent progress until the churches in general, and the individual members in particular, are brought to see and feel their personal responsibility in the enterprises fostered by our denomination :

And, Whereas, great destitution, on the line of proper and scriptural instruction prevails in many sections of the Unity Association ; therefore, be it

Resolved—FIRST : That it is the sense of this Association that the time has fully come to begin the much needed work of developing our own territory.

SECOND: That to this end, and for this purpose, we need a competent Associational Missionary and Colporter, whose duty it shall be to give his whole time to this work; visiting destitute sections, preaching, lecturing, distributing Bibles and denominational literature, and doing everything possible to bring our people into closer touch with each other and the great work committed to our hands.

THIRD: That such Missionary shall receive, as compensation for the diligent employment of his time, \$600.00 per annum.

FOURTH: That this sum be apportioned among the churches according to their numerical strength and financial ability, and that such apportionment be collected monthly and sent direct to the Treasurer of the Unity Association.

FIFTH: That all moneys hitherto contributed to State Missions be applied to this work.

SIXTH: That the Treasurer be instructed to pay to said Missionary, from the funds placed in his hands for this work, the sum of \$50.00 per month upon the presentation of a warrant signed by the chairman of the Executive Committee.

SEVENTH: That the messengers composing this session be, and are hereby, requested to represent this matter to their respective churches, at their next regular conference for their ratification, and report the result to the Executive Committee at once.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Woods.

43. The Executive Committee for the next Associational year: F. M. Woods, W. I. Mullins, E. B. Deason, H. W. Caffey, W. B. Strock.

44. On motion \$50.00 was appropriated to pay Clerk for services and publishing the Minutes.

45. The Committee on Finance made their report as follows:

Cash for State Missions.....	\$ 29.92
“ “ Home Missions.....	30.80
“ “ Foreign Missions.....	24.42
“ “ Orphans' Home.....	48.71
“ “ Ministerial Education.....	35
“ “ Minutes and Associational purposes	60.20
“ “ Institute Work.....	29.98
“ “ Indigent Ministers.....	6.63

Total.....\$231.01

This amount has been turned over to the Treasurer.

W. W. CARTER. *Chairman.*

46. The Treasurer made his report and it was concurred in.

47. The apportionment prepared by the Clerk was ordered printed in the Minutes.

48. The business of the Association being finished, the hymn "How firm a foundation" was sung, the parting hand given and J. W. Mitchell led in the closing prayer of a pleasant and profitable session.

49. The Moderator declared the Association adjourned to meet with Alpine church, Chilton county, on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1901.

F. M. WOODS, *Moderator.*

W. J. RUDDICK, *Stated Clerk.*



REPORTS.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We think that Christianity was designed by its Author to be universal in its scope. We believe that Jesus Christ died for the sins of all the people of all the world, and not merely any special class or part of the world. The Bible teaches that "whosoever believeth on Him hath everlasting life." Christianity then must expand, and finally extend to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Jesus Christ came into the world as the first great missionary. He left His Father's throne in heaven, where it was His right and privilege to remain forever, came into the world, assumed the form of flesh and blood, was despised and rejected of men, crucified by His enemies, and died the shameful death of the cross, all for the salvation of poor fallen man. Surely that was a missionary spirit. Then we are taught that if we have not the spirit of Christ, we are none of His. Therefore, Christianity must be missionary in its character.

But we must specialize. Our report is of State Missions, and as our responsibility is always in proportion to our advantages and resources, let us notice these features of our State. God has indeed blessed us as a State. Alabama's chief sources of revenue are her coal, iron, cotton and timber. Her deposits of mineral wealth are practically inexhaustible. In 1899 she produced more than 7,000,000 tons of coal, and only four states surpass her in the production of this great commercial commodity. In the same year she produced more than 1,500,000 tons of iron, making her the third iron producing state in the United States. What wonderful treasures of wealth sleep within the bosom of our great State. From her fertile fields are gathered annually about one million bales of cotton, making her rank as fourth in the production of this staple. Upon the surface of her hills and valleys are scattered her broad forests, from which are manufactured an excellent quality of valuable lumber. How graciously God has dealt with us! What magnificent natural resources are by His bountiful hand placed at our disposal! What are those resources but talents given by God to be used for His glory? With the proper use of them, why should not Alabama stand among the first in Christianity? Then too, the price of these commodities has advanced wonderfully in recent years, and to-day they are

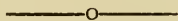
bringing more revenue into the State than ever before in her history.

Perhaps many do not realize and appreciate the need of mission work in the State, but there are many places destitute of the Christian influences which we enjoy to-day. There are many places that have not the advantages of Sunday school, and only occasionally have an opportunity of hearing God's Word preached. Mission work in the State is under the control of "The State Board of Missions." The principal objects of the Board are to establish Sunday-schools and churches in destitute localities, and to help the weak churches maintain preaching until they are able to do so themselves. Owing to the marvelous development of our manufacturing industries, many towns and villages are rapidly springing up where heretofore none existed. Quite a number of cotton mills are being built each year. The construction of these mills brings into the State a large number of people as operatives. This class of people comes mostly from other factory towns and the country, and are generally of Baptist inclinations. What shall we do for them? We must help them to build churches, and keep up preaching until they become self-sustaining. There is another class found around our saw-mill towns. These are usually regarded as "tough" and often neglected. But they have immortal souls, and therefore need a knowledge of God's saving grace. We can ill afford to disregard such important points, for if we take the most important centers, the influence will extend into the surrounding country. The Board has another object in view. It strives to develop the churches in the great doctrine of missions, and thus make of each of them a wide-a-wake, progressive Missionary Baptist Church. One great difficulty in the way of progress in this work is a lack of information among the masses of the people. Many good honest Baptist people are in ignorance with reference to the objects of the Board, or the plans by which those objects are to be attained. Many of them read no paper at all, and few read a denominational paper. We would not criticise, but fear that pastors are to some extent responsible for this lack of knowledge. They are ordained of God to be leaders of His people, and the people naturally look to them for instruction along this line of work, as well as in other things. For some reasons it seems that they don't preach on this important subject often. While being leaders, they are also to be examples to the flocks. They expect him to practice what he preaches. When our people are thoroughly aroused and brought into a realization of the blessedness to come from giving, that of consciousness of duty done and the Master's name glorified, we will make better advancement in State Missions. We need the inspiration that comes from having some definite purposes

before us, and some definite plans for their accomplishment. Now is the time to begin. To-day we are standing on the verge of a departing century, and almost on the threshold of a new one. One hundred years ago there was no State of Alabama. What we now term as such was then a territory in its earliest civilization. About 1802 David Cooper came into the territory as the first Baptist preacher to proclaim the glad tidings of the gospel. Now when we pause in contemplation of the achievements of the past century, surely our hearts must swell with emotions of sincerest gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all His kind providences. But the work is not yet finished. As we gaze into the future we still behold the fields white unto the harvests. Grand possibilities and glorious opportunities lie out before us, if we will only seize and use them to the best of our ability. Let us go forward with more determination, enthusiasm, zeal, and consecration to the work of our Master. Let us use our time, talents, opportunities, and resources to the glory of our Lord, and the advancement of His kingdom, that the richest benedictions of Heaven may be showered upon us as a State.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. BISHOP, *Chairman.*



REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

In true Christianity there is no such thing as an anti-missionary. Every true Christian is called of God to help save his fellow men. He is *sent* to do good, to build up Christian character, to save the souls of dying men. All such work is essentially and truly missionary. The term "Missions" is an unhappy one. People have come to regard it as something plastered upon the outside of Christianity, instead of being the Christian religion itself. We had better speak of the "World-wide spread of the Gospel" and leave out the terms "State," "Home" and "Foreign Missions." Yet these terms express vital distinctions in the world's evangelization, and we cannot afford to pass them over. Just before His ascension Jesus said to His disciple's, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," (Acts 1:8.). Here we have Christ's own authority for City, State, Home and Foreign Mission work.

Our report is concerned with the work of Home Missions. This work covers all of the Southern states, and is under the supervision of the Home Mission Board, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.

Taking up this particular phase of Christ's work, there

are several things to be considered :

I. The Field. The field of the Home Mission work is divided into several departments :

1. The Frontier. This embraces a region in the far west 1000 miles long and 500 miles wide. In it are found people from every part of the Union, and in fact from all parts of the world. There almost every family has some friend or relative. In helping this work a man may be giving money to save his own child.

2. The Mountains. This includes the mountain region of the South, 750 miles long and 250 miles wide. There are 149 counties and 2,000,000 people. In this region there is great destitution.

3. The Cities. The Home Mission Board is making a great effort to reach the destitute portions of large cities like Baltimore, Washington, New Orleans, St. Louis and Kansas City.

4. The Negroes. There are 8,000,000 of these in the South that ought to have the gospel and industrial training.

5. Foreigners. Thousands of foreign people are thronging our shores. Are we going to save them for Christ?

6. Above all the work of Christ in Cuba has been turned over to the Home Mission Board. Cuba is free. Are we going to make that island free in Jesus? We see how large is the field of Home Missions, let us look at

II. The Work. The work of the Home Mission Board is under the guidance of a corresponding secretary, who is located at Atlanta, Ga. Dr. J. T. Tichenor served in this capacity with great distinction for a number of years. Dr. F. H. Kerfoot is the present secretary. The actual work is done by missionaries, who are appointed to the various fields of labor by the Home Board. They preach the gospel, teach school, and distribute religious literature. Churches are constituted, Sunday-schools organized and literary schools built up—in short everything is done to promote the Redeemer's kingdom.

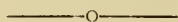
III. The Results. What has been accomplished by the Home Mission Board cannot be measured with words. When the work started in 1845 we had six missionaries, now there are 671. During the past year these missionaries have baptized 5,696 persons, constituted 195 churches, built 71 church houses, organized 639 Sunday-schools, distributed 18,412 Bibles and Testaments and given out nearly 2,000,000 pages of tracts. Add to this 88,000 religious visits and 64,000 sermons and addresses, and who can measure the good that has been done?

IV. The Needs. The great and special needs of the Home Mission work are men and women. Men to preach the gospel publicly and privately, men to teach and establish schools

and money to pay their expenses. The mountains need schools and sound preaching. The negroes, so greatly sunken into every vice and crime, need the gospel and industrial training. The people on the frontier need development. Cuba needs the gospel. Will we rise to the emergency? Last year we gave \$79,000, this year a call is made for \$150,000. If the world is ever brought to Christ we must build up God's work at home. Let us awake from sleep, and save our brethren at home and we can take the world for Christ. Untold opportunities are in store for the South, if we will make Christ our captain. "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days," (Eccles. 11 : 1)

Respectfully submitted,

P. G. MANESS, *Chairman.*



REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Up to the time of the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention last May the most inspiring reports were received from all parts of the Foreign Mission field.

The financial advance of twenty-five per cent was hailed with an advance of fifty per cent of additions to the list of baptismal accessions to the churches on the Foreign field. This together with other happy experiences seems to have quickened, animated and enthused many individual Christians and greatly increased their liberality. But a liberality surpassing this by far, is that coming as result of the great troubles in China.

It is near the dawning of the day of the grace spoken of in II. Cor. 8 : 2. How that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of joy and their deep poverty abounded into the riches of their liberality.

New Testament giving of means attended with special blessings in the gift of the Christ Spirit means China for Christ.

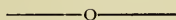
Our God given men and women face the formidable foe in great fear and trembling, yet they trust and stay with their work. May they and we remember with animating joy that the quickest work and longest strides the church has ever made have been under the severest persecutions. And that the brightest evidences of Divine favor and most far-reaching and most lasting good have their origin in the severest conflict with the adversaries of the cause of Christ. In the strife zeal generates, love increases and the spirit becomes more determined. In the thickest of the fight the heroes and heroines consummate the work that averts the woes that come upon Zion when she is at ease. Therefore let us be more hopeful of success at this crisis, while the enemy has its strongest

forces on. These struggles verify the Word of our Saviour. "If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you."

These perilous times, say the tramp of the faithful army of Jehovah, is felt in the camps of His enemies. They tell in no uncertain language that a decisive victory over the powers of darkness is just ahead.

Out of hatred to the establishing of the Standard of Life, in the long held and much appreciated kingdom of Satan, in the land of China, He and His emissaries have put on their formidable forces. But we are very hopeful that God has given His permission for all of these destructive influences to continue for years, that He might the more abundantly honor the name of His Son by raising up a people, who, in His name, and out of a great heart of love for Him, and for the souls of a rebellious people, should quickly show His power by subduing them.

We sincerely believe the unfurled banner of truth and righteousness shall soon wave triumphantly over the conquered field, for which the foe is now so desperately contending. By faith we now see old China closing never to be opened again. But we see new China opening perhaps never to be closed against the truth.



REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Our churches are not alive to the importance of S. S. work as we should. There is a large per cent of our church members that do not take any interest in Sabbath-school work, and it is largely among the older members. Some churches do not have any Sunday-school at all. Thus we see we do not appreciate the Bible study as we should. We think the Bible should be used as a text book in Sunday-school, read the Bible lesson and get out answers to each question as we believe it to teach, and then refer to the helps in the International Series and with their help we are enabled to understand and get the essence of the lesson. Your committee think there can not be too much stress put upon the Bible. It should be read and used in Sunday-schools, so as to impress it upon the minds of all the people as being the Word of God and therein we learn of God's will toward us. The Bible is the great way bill that points and leads men and women to life everlasting. Then how necessary it is that we read and study the Bible, not only in our Sabbath-schools, but at home. Again we believe that our supt., officers and teachers in Sunday-school should be men and women apt to teach and impart the knowledge that they have gotten by reading the Bible. To teach a thing, we must

know that thing ourselves, then how can we teach unless we first be taught. The objective point to be reached in this work is the conversion of souls of the people. Then as already stated how necessary it is to have Christians as our leaders. Can the blind lead the blind? We thus believe that the doctrines and principles that we as Baptist hold to, should be taught and practiced in our denominational schools. We recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention as being sound, and should be used in our schools.

Report as submitted,

G. W. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To say that the churches and the world, of this age, demand an educated ministry is speaking very mild.

We have two classes of preachers who have special claims on the denomination. 1st. The young men, who feel called to this work. 2nd. The middle-aged, or old men of the field with the work in hand, who have demonstrated by years of service and sacrifice that God has called them to leadership in His kingdom, as their fruits bear and do testify.

The first have had the attention and means of the churches for years. The second until recently, have been sadly neglected.

We have two methods for educating our ministry, the schools and the institute. The first is practical only to a limited number, for the reason that only a few can avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by college and seminary, their peculiar environments prohibiting. The second, or institute, is universal in its application and practicability, and the real need of every preacher, both learned and unlearned.

We, your committee, therefore, earnestly recommend that the attention and contributions of the churches in the Unity Association be specially given to the institute work, as done by our Institute Board through G. S. Anderson, at least until the real workers, your own pastors, have a just pro rata of the funds contributed to this cause.

We further recommend that the churches of this Association pledge themselves to raise \$100 00 for institute work during the year 1901, taking regular collections for the same, remitting direct to the Superintendent.

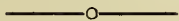
We further recommend that this session of the Association make application to the Institute Board for two institutes within our bounds, during the year 1901, the time and place to be designated by the Executive Committee of the Association.

We further recommend that all former pledges to this

work be promptly paid; and further if there is, or shall be any unappropriated funds in the hands of the Treasurer, it shall be applied to these unpaid pledges.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. MULLINS, *Chairman.*

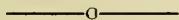


REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee, beg to say that the same conditions exist to-day that have existed for years. All kinds of intoxicating drinks are sold, legally and illegally, and are being drunk by men of the world and men of the churches. And the same dire results of drunkenness, debauchery, disgrace and ruin, to young and old, follow in the wake, and will continue to do so, until men "vote as they pray," notwithstanding temperance reports, speeches, and legislation to the contrary.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. DEASON, *Chairman.*



REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Our Orphans' Home was temporarily located at Evergreen, in Jan., 1893, and on March 10, following, the first children were received under its protecting care. By Nov. of that year, we had received 22 children, and the little rented, dilapidated house was more than full, and a negro cabin in the corner of the yard had to be fitted up to hold the overflow of children.

The trustees, after having duly considered all possible places for a permanent location, decided to let it remain permanently in Evergreen, and purchased an old homestead consisting of 80 acres of land, with a brick residence, with ten rooms, and three tenant houses. This property was admirably located. The purchase price was \$5000.00, in three installments, with interest on the deferred payments. The amount actually paid was \$5400.33. This debt was duly paid, and the property was improved, changed, and another building added, and all debts for improvements were paid. No incumbrance has ever been on this home.

The family life of the children is about like that of any well regulated family. There are no written rules to govern the children, but they are taught to observe one rule that contains all others, viz., "do right." While the physical and industrial life of the children are looked after carefully, their spiritual life is not neglected. Many of them have been bap-

tized. All that are large enough attend Sunday-school and church, and the regular family worship is held every evening.

Our great constant need is money or food for the regular support of these children, and our special urgent need is another building so that we can take proper care of our children when they are sick. All of our rooms are regularly occupied by the family, and when we have sick children, it is impracticable to take proper care of them, or to isolate them in case of contagious diseases. "I was sick and ye visited me" It takes about \$10.00 a day for the regular support of these children. We have no income except the freewill offerings of the friends of our work. Who will dare to say these defenseless children should not be cared for? Why are there still 500 Baptist preachers in Alabama, who so far as is known, have never shown the least interest in this work? Why are there at least 1,200 churches that have not yet been heard from?

Your committee respectfully urge that all pastors bring the need of this work before their people, both for the regular support of the work, and also to help in any special work necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. LONG.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There are two great facts to be considered in the history of every human life:—First. The salvation of the soul; and, secondly, the development of the individual. The one is accomplished by divine power, the other is done by human agency. The first is regeneration; the second is education. Salvation is first; education is supplementary. True life begins in salvation; education is preparation for complete living. It brightens the life given to God.

In true education, there are three ideas: Training, knowledge, usefulness. Learning the sciences and arts, philosophy and history, language and mathematics, is not all of education as some suppose. But it is the *training* of the mind to reason soundly, to judge justly, to remember accurately, to weigh thoroughly. It is the *training* of the body into perfect manhood, to be a fit temple of the Holy Ghost; it is the training of the heart to love God and mankind. In short, the purpose of education is to fit man to live a complete and perfect life. It is to prepare him for usefulness here and happiness hereafter.

Education begins in childhood and continues through life. The development of the child in body, mind and heart, in the social relations, and industrial activities, begins upon its mother's knee. It is the business of parent and teacher to carry on

this harmonious development, according to the plans of nature. Such training, consecrated to the good of mankind, and the glory of God, is Christian education. And Christian education is the great need of our times. Our children ought to be trained in schools that make the Bible the center of their studies, and Christ the center of their lives. All true knowledge revolves around the Bible; because it gives us light: it is the center of the world's progress; because it gives us liberty: it is the center of the world's hope; because it gives us life: and it is the center of the world's unity; because it gives us love. These four principles, light, liberty, life and love are the basis of all our free institutions. They are the corner stones upon which the great house of truth is built. They have made our schools what they are to-day. If they were emphasized more, Christian schools would soon become a great power in the land.

It is a remarkable fact that most of the public schools in the country and small towns are taught by Baptists. Devotional exercises are held every day, general moral principles are taught, and nothing is said of doctrine, but a Baptist example is left behind, that will bring forth fruit in far coming years. What the Baptists are doing for education points to the fact that they are destined to become the great power of this nation. We rejoice in our schools and colleges. The Baptists of every state can point with pride to some noble institution, that is doing a great work for God and mankind. We, of Alabama, have our Judson Institute at Marion. There is no greater institution for women in all the land. Then there is the Central Female College at Tuscaloosa and Howard College at East Lake, which deserve our patronage, sympathy and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

P. G. MANESS, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Thirty-three letters presented for consideration.

Twenty six churches report Sunday-schools; seven do not.

Many of the churches have enjoyed seasons of refreshing, and are in good spiritual condition. All but two report pastors. We are glad such conditions exist.

Few report nothing done for missions. The contributions made were small in many instances. Would God move the churches to more earnest service for the spread of the gospel.

Big Spring, Mt. Zion, Ebenezer and Alpine applied for the next session of the Association to convene with them.

Ebenezer, however, was conditional. We recommend the

next session to be held with Alpine, on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1901.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Church papers are established and maintained to meet the demands of progressive Christians. They have their origin in necessity. Coupled with every privilege is a duty. It is our privilege and duty to read Baptist papers.

We commend "*The Alabama Baptist*," "*Texas Baptist Standard*," and "*Foreign Mission Journal*" to the careful consideration of the Baptists of the Unity Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. COLLIER, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

To preach Introductory Sermon next Session—W. H. Connell; alternate T. J. Deason.

To preach Missionary Sermon—P. G. Maness.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—F. M. Woods; alternate H. W. Caffey.

Delegates to State Baptist Convention—W. J. Ruddick, P. G. Maness, W. H. Burns, F. M. Woods, P. M. Moore.

We, your committee, recommend the following changes of the Districts:

To have only two instead of four. The dividing line to be Swift Creek. One district to be known as the Eastern, the other as the Western. The first meeting of the Western to be held at Plantersville, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in April, 1901. The first of the Eastern to be held at Clanton, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in December, 1900, and occupy each fifth Sunday in each district. Each body of the districts to name the place of next meeting; pastors and deacons to prepare programs.

W. L. PRICE, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee find, after careful investigation, that we have in our bounds Brother C. C. Billingsley, who is old and infirm and unable to make a living; also Brother W. H. Walker who is blind; Sister Longcrier, the widow of Rev. H. E.

Longcrier, is reported as in need. We recommend these as worthy of your help. Respectfully submitted,

W. W. CAFFEY.

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It is suggested to each Church that it try to raise the following amounts:

Missions Institute		Missions Institute	
Alpine.....	\$ 7.50 \$ 2.50	Liberty.....	5.00 1.00
Bethel.....	5.00 2.00	Maple Spring..	5.00 1.50
Bethesda.....	25.00 5.00	Mt. Carmel....	10.00 2.50
Bethsalem.....	6.00 2.00	Mt. Zion.....	15.00 3.00
Big Spring....	17.00 3.00	Mulberry.....	30.00 5.00
Bozeman.....	75.00 20.00	New Prospect..	5.00 1.50
Brookson.....	2.50 1.00	Plantersville...	15.00 3.00
Billingsley....	10.00 2.00	Pleasant Grove.	5.00 1.50
Chestnut Creek	20.00 3.50	Pilgrims' Rest.	5.00 1.50
Clanton.....	55.00 10.00	Providence....	22.00 3.50
Concord.....	5.00 1.50	Randolph.....	20.00 3.50
Corinth..	5.00 1.50	Sardis.....	5.00 1.50
Ebenezer.....	30.00 5.00	Salem.....	5.00 1.50
Evergreen.....	25.00 4.00	Shady Grove...	5.00 1.50
Friendship....	5.00 1.00	Shiioh.....	10.00 2.50
Good Hope....	5.00 1.00	Valley Creek..	25.00 5.00
Harmony.....	25.00 4.00	Verbena.....	50.00 10.00
Jemison.....	40.00 7.50		

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. RUDDICK.

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REPORT FROM CLERK.

Since adjournment the following cash has been sent to the Clerk:

Pilgrims' Rest...	\$5.03
Sardis.....	5.70
Salem.....	5.00

Total.....\$15.73

for the following:

State Missions.....	\$1.38
Home Missions.....	2.88
Foreign Missions.....	3.58
Orphans' Home.....	3.14
Minutes... ..	4.75

Total.....\$15.73

Amounts forwarded as designated.

W. J. RUDDICK, *Stated Clerk.*

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount received from Finance Committee.....	\$231.01
“ “ “ Churches by Clerk after the Association adjourned.....	15.73
Total.....	\$246.74

By amount paid:

H. W. Provence for State, Home, and Foreign Missions.....	\$85.14
J. W. Stewart for Orphans' Home.....	48.71
G. S. Anderson, Institute Work.....	48.38
W. J. Ruddick for Minutes and Services.....	50.00
N. L. Maroney for Indigent Ministers.....	14.51
Total.....	\$246.74

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. DEASON, *Treasurer.*

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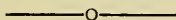
Ordained Ministers.

Name	Post Office
Adams, S. M.....	Clanton
Armstrong, W. J.....	Clanton
Bone, W. J.....	Kincheon
Connell, W. H.....	Stanton
Culpepper, S. B.....	Hogan
Deason, T. J.....	Kincheon
Hand, J. L.....	Rollins
Jones, Hardy.....	Verbena
Lawrence, T. N... ..	Shoults
Long, J. L... ..	Bozeman
Maness, P. G.....	Shoults
Maroney, Thos.....	Riderville
Moore, J. E.....	Billingsley
Neely, J. L.....	Kincheon
Parrish, M. J.....	Clanton
Ruddick, W. J.....	Stanton
Smoke J. M.....	Huckabee
Thomas, J. H.....	Jemison
Wood, W. A.....	Lily
Wood, W. M.....	Clanton
Woods, F. M.....	Clanton

DISTRICTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Eastern—Bethsalem, Bozeman, Chestnut Creek, Clanton, Friendship, Concord, Corinth, Mt. Zion, New Prospect, Providence, Good Hope, Liberty, Maple Springs, Jemison, Shiloh, Verbena, Salem.

Western—Autaugaville, Bethesda, Bethel, Big Spring, Evergreen, Harmony, Alpine, Shady Grove, Ebenezer, Mt. Carmel, Pleasant Grove, Billingsley, Plantersville, Randolph, Sardis, Valley Creek, Mulberry, Pilgrims' Rest, Brookson.



ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; these three are one.—1 Cor. 8 : 6; Deut. 6 : 4; Matt. 28 : 19; 2 Cor. 13 : 14; 1 John 5 : 7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice.—2 Peter 1 : 21; 2 Tim. 3 : 16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.—1 Peter 2 : 25; Eph. 1 : 4; 2 Thes. 2 : 13.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Rom. 3 : 23; 5 : 12; 3 : 10.

5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature.—Rom. 5 : 6; John 6 : 44; Eph. 2 : 1-5; Phil. 2 : 13.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.—Rom. 5 : 1; Gal. 2 : 16-20.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.—2 Cor. 12 : 9; Col. 3 : 4; Rom. 8 : 38, 39.

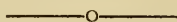
8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church of Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion only is baptism.—Matt. 3 : 5, 6, 13, 16; Acts 2 : 37, 38; Acts 8 : 38, 39.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.—Acts 17 : 31; John 5 : 28, 29.

10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.—Matt. 25 : 46.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances except those who are called of God and have been regularly baptised, approved by the church, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.—1 Tim. 4 : 14 ; Acts 26 : 16.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptised believers have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.—Acts 2 : 42-44 ; 2 Cor. 6 : 14 ; 1 Cor. 11 : 23-29.



CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as "THE UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION," and shall be composed of delegates from such churches as constitute, or may hereafter unite with this body.

ART. 2. The design of its labors shall be to promote the cause of Christ and to encourage those objects supported by Baptists generally.

ART. 3. This Association shall hold its sessions annually, at such a time and place as it may appoint.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Treasurer—to be elected annually—and a Stated Clerk, elected for life or good behavior—each of whom shall perform all the duties appertaining to such offices in similar bodies ; and in the case of the absence of any officer one *pro tem* shall be appointed by the Association until an election is declared.

ART. 5. A record of the proceedings of this Association shall be kept by the Clerk, and as soon as practicable after the close of each session, he shall superintend the printing of the minutes thereof, and shall furnish each church with a suitable number of copies.

ART. 6. Any Church subscribing to our Abstract of Faith may be admitted into this Association by consent of the members in session.

ART. 7. Any Church, orthodox in faith and practice, and which has complied with this Constitution, may withdraw from this body by the consent of a majority of the members in session.

ART. 8. This Association, in regular session, may dissolve its connection with any church which may differ with it in doctrine and practice.

ART. 9. Any Church of this Association, with thirty members or less, shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members or fractional part thereof.

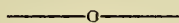
ART. 10. It shall be the duty of each Church to forward a written communication to every session, specifying the names of its delegates and the state of the Church.

ART. 11. If a difficulty should arise in a Church, which cannot be settled thereby, the Church shall call aid from two or more sister Churches; if the matter cannot then be adjusted it shall be referred to the Association for advice.

ART. 12. All queries must be acted upon by the Churches in which they may originate, and when they fail to be disposed of therein, must be reported by letter to the Association; the decision thereof shall be considered as an advisory answer.

ART. 13. This Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted and paid over to the Finance Committee, and said committee to pay over to the Treasurer.

ART. 14. Any article of this Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at any regular session.



RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The officers of the Association shall be chosen by the suffrages of the membership present.
3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.
4. Any member not satisfied with this decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, and he shall rise, and obtaining permission, proceed; such permission being signified by the Moderator naming the person, or otherwise.

6. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject; and every motion made and seconded, in order, shall come under the consideration of the Association, and be decided, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

8. When a question has been introduced, and sufficient time allowed for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association upon the subject; those in the affirmative shall make it known by saying aye, and those opposed shall make it known by saying nay.

9. The appellation "brother" shall be used in the Association when one brother addresses another. but this article shall not be so construed as to ignore the Moderator.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11. The names of the delegates shall be called as often as the Association shall direct.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided. He may also appoint committees necessary for transacting any business that may, from time to time, come before the Association.

13. Any member violating these rules shall be reprovved by the Moderator, but only on the day such violation occurs.

14. These rules shall be read at the opening of every session of the Association, and may be altered or amended whenever a majority of the membership present shall deem it necessary.



STATISTICS OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1900.

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S P.O.	Membership last Reported	Increase by				Decrease by				Membership Present	SUNDAY-SCHOOL			Preaching Sabbaths	Reports Prayer-mtg	Reports Revival
						Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death		Offers & T'chrs	Pupils	Supt's Name and P.O.			
Alpine.....	Chilton	J. M. Smoke	J. T. Jones, jr.	Plantersville	86					1			3	82	5	22	J. F. Johnson, Stanton	2	1	1
Autaugaville.....	Autauga				5									5						
Bethel.....	Autauga	A. M. Perry	A. H. Johnson	Plantersville	52									52					4	
Bethesda.....	Autauga	J. M. Smoke	J. H. Jones	Independence	124		3		1				2	126	6	50	H. M. Poole, Independence	4		
Bozeman.....	Chilton	F. L. Hand	C. C. Vinson	Kincheon	69	2				2	3			57					3	1
Billingsley.....	Autauga		W. A. Carter	Billingsley	6	20								26	6	39	S. T. Usher, Billingsley		1	1
Big Spring.....	Autauga	A. M. Perry	T. J. Wright	Filside	109	13	1			8			2	113	5	43	W. M. Willis, Billingsley	3	1	1
Bozeman.....	Autauga	W. C. Bledsoe	T. J. Henderson	Mt. Creek	126	3	5		1	4			1	130	9	65	J. B. Gray, Bozeman [2 & 4]	1		
Brookson.....	Chilton	W. J. Bone	J. B. Anderson	Pletcher	25		1			7			1	18	6	45	D. W. Wilkins, Jasmine	3		
Chestnut Creek.....	Chilton	J. H. Thomas	J. W. Dennis	Coopers	118	17	8	1	2	3	1		1	141	3	52	Watts Moore, Cooper	1	1	1
Clanton.....	Chilton	F. M. Woods	W. I. Mullins	Clanton	122		6			12			2	114	10	70	E. B. Deason, Clanton	3	1	
Concord.....	Chilton	W. J. Armstrong	T. N. Parrish	Clanton	40	7	3			2				48	9	60	J. P. Parrish, Clanton	3		1
Corinth.....	Chilton	M. J. Parrish	J. E. Goss	Burwell	66	4		1		3	4			64	6	25	E. L. Jones, Burwell	3	1	1
Ebenezer.....	Chilton	W. J. Ruddick	R. H. Nelson	Stanton	129	13	7	2		2			2	147	5	60	Roy Fitts, Stanton	3		1
Evergreen.....	Autauga	J. W. Mitchell	E. M. Bishop	Huckabee	97	3			1	2			1	98	6	45	W. A. Overstreet, Huckabee	4	1	1
Friendship.....	Elmore		J. L. Long	Bozeman	23					8	5			10	2	15	J. L. Long, Bozeman			
Good Hope.....	Autauga	J. L. Hand	W. E. Boon	Andrew	79	6	3			3	4			81	7	38	A. N. Cook, Rayhill	1		1
Jemison.....	Chilton	F. M. Woods	W. N. Rogers	Jemison	92		2			2				92	6	48	J. M. Langston, Jemison	2	1	
Maple Springs.....	Chilton	T. J. Deason	W. F. Jones	Coopers	58	4	6			5			5	58	2	28	D. F. Jacks, Clanton	3		1
Mt. Carmel.....	Chilton	A. M. Perry	R. P. Kemp	Pletcher	98	3	3			15	1		1	87	4	35	D. M. Apperson, Stanton	1		
Mt. Zion.....	Chilton	W. J. Armstrong	D. H. Mullins	Jumbo	34	5	1	3						43	6	40	W. W. Jones, Jumbo	2	1	1
Mulberry.....	Chilton	W. J. Ruddick	J. C. Veazey	Randolph	184	4	5			1	2			190	5	50	J. D. Lightsey, Lily	1	1	1
New Prospect.....	Autauga	I. Bice	S. B. Manning	Hogan	55	4	7	1		10	1	4		52	5	49	B. M. Robinson, Bozeman	2	1	1
Pilgrim's Rest.....	Chilton	T. J. Deason	I. M. Tidwell	Pletcher	43		1							44	5	30	I. M. Tidwell, Pletcher	1		
Plantersville.....	Dallas	W. H. Connell	RP McCullough	Plantersville	57									57				2		
Pleasant Grove.....	Chilton	P. G. Maness	B. P. Maness	Lawley	73				1	2		1		71	5	96	J. P. Merchant, Shoults	2		1
Providence.....	Chilton	M. J. Parrish	Riley Robinson	Clanton	140	12	2		2	2	1			153	7	60	Riley Robinson, Clanton	1	1	1
Randolph.....	Bibb	I. Windsor	J. B. Hicks	Randolph	30		2						1	31	7	30	J. M. Davis, jr. Randolph	3		1
Sardis.....	Chilton	T. J. Deason	J. D. Deason	Stanton	61	4	2			2	13			52				2		1
Salem.....	Chilton	J. D. Hughes	D. S. Robinson	Enid	68	13	3		2	3	1			82				2		1
Shady Grove.....	Dallas	W. J. Ruddick	G. Underwood	Burnsville	36	1	3			3			1	36	7	34	G. A. Underwood, Burnsv.	2		1
Shiloh.....	Chilton	J. L. Neely	W. J. Billingsley	Kincheon	108		2			3	5			102				2		
Valley Creek.....	Chilton	I. Windsor	J. W. Mitchell	Plantersville	72	6								78	10	40	J. W. Mitchell, Plantersville	1	1	1
Verbena.....	Chilton	F. M. Woods	J. T. B. and	Verbena	81		6			7				80	4	15	W. H. Strock, Verbena	1		
Harmony.....	Autauga	J. M. Smoke	W. M. Parker	Milton	37					2				35				1		
Liberty.....	Autauga	S. B. Cupepper	Jos. Cook	Hogan	24			2		1				25				3		
Total.....					2612	130	102	8	12	112	42	6	24	2680	151	1154				

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1900.

CHURCHES	MISSIONS					EDUCATION		Galveston and India Relief	Orphans' Home	Minutes	HOME EXPENSES			Total	Value of Property
	State	Home	Foreign	Church Bld'gs (Not at Home)	Bible and Colportage	Ministerial	Institute Work				Pastor's Salary	Repairs and New Buildings	Poor, Fuel, Sunday-schools Etc.		
Alpine.....	\$ 1.00	\$	\$ 1.60	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2.55	\$	\$	\$ 1.50	\$ 60.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 205.65	\$ 250
Autaugaville.....															200
Bethel.....		1.00	1.00			35			1.00	1.00	45.00			49.35	500
Bethesda.....	1.45	2.50	2.50		8.64		3.30		6.01	3.00				27.40	500
Bethsalem.....		1.50	20							2.50	14.05		1.00	19.25	600
Big Spring.....		6.00	4.00							2.00	21.00		4.36	37.36	800
Bullingsley.....	1.25							5.00	4.50	2.00		250.00	16.57	279.32	300
Bozeman.....	4.00	2.00	2.00	25.00		10.50	50.00		15.00	1.50	300.00		322.63	732.63	2000
Brookson.....										1.50	20.00		6.00	27.50	
Chestnut Creek.....		3.90								2.50	54.30		3.15	63.85	500
Clanton.....	4.00						2.50		34.02	2.50	200.00	43.00	53.70	339.72	1500
Concord.....		50	2.00						2.40	1.50	46.00			52.40	800
Corinth.....	2.00		3.00							1.00	30.00			36.00	500
Ebenezer.....		7.00	2.50							2.00	120.00		31.00	162.50	1200
Evergreen.....	7.00	5.27	6.60			4.25	3.00	9.76	11.09	2.95	140.00	1.47		191.39	500
Friendship.....										25				25	150
Good Hope.....	1.00	1.00	1.00				1.00		55	2.00	20.73			27.28	200
Harmony.....	4.70	3.20	1.50				1.35		7.40	2.00	80.00	166.00	1.70	267.85	650
Jemison.....		5.00						11.00	10.00	2.50	100.65		11.90	141.05	1000
Liberty.....										4.50				4.50	
Maple Springs.....		1.00	2.00						2.55	1.25				6.80	300
Mt. Carmel.....		1.85							6.65	2.50				11.00	400
Mt. Zion.....	2.00	1.50	1.00		3.97				50	4.50	40.00	13.50	5.50	72.47	400
Mulberry.....	4.18	1.10	3.00	1.65			3.15		2.76	2.00	125.00	65.00	4.00	211.84	550
New Prospect.....	4.80									75	32.00		4.00	11.65	200
Plantersville.....										1.90				1.00	
Pleasant Grove.....		2.00	2.00						1.50	1.50			18.00	24.00	500
Pilgrim's Rest.....	88	88	88						89	1.50	16.25			22.28	300
Providence.....	2.22		2.22						75	1.50	50.00		4.50	61.19	500
Randolph.....		2.18	5.74	2.00							32.00	15.00	56.78	113.70	700
Sardis.....	50	50	1.20						2.25	1.25				5.70	200
Salem.....	1.00	1.00	1.00							1.00	40.55	7.50		52.05	100
Shady Grove.....				1.25						3.00	40.00		1.00	45.25	800
Shiloh.....	5.00									1.50	19.75	150.00		176.25	250
Valley Creek.....	2.50	3.00	5.00	2.45	6.00	2.00	2.33		4.34	1.50	75.00	25.00	7.50	136.62	450
Verbena.....	5.00	3.00		4.00	2.00		14.50		32.65	1.50	150.00	167.73	7.67	388.05	1500
Collections at As'n	6.00	6.00	6.25				20.00		15.00					53.25	
Total.....	60.48	61.88	58.19	36.35	20.61	17.10	103.68	25.76	161.81	64.95	1872.28	1034.2	569.96	4088.25	23600

Time and Place of Meeting, and Officers of the
Association from its origin to the present.

	Place of Meeting	Preacher of Introductory Sermon	Moderator	Clerk	Treasurer
1866	Shad Grove	J. R. Sartor	B. B. Smith	J. N. Gradick	J. Nunn
1867	Poultersville	A. C. Pattillo	B. B. Smith	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn
1868	Mulberry	A. Andrews	B. B. Smith	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn
1869	Kingston	D. M. Lloyd	J. D. Moodie	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn
1870	Harmony	J. H. Ray	I. U. Wilkes	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn
1871	Shad Grove	J. D. Moodie	I. U. Wilkes	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn
1872	Chestnut Ck	W. Wilkes	I. U. Wilkes	J. I. Lamar	L. B. Parker
1873	Bethesda	A. Andrews	I. U. Wilkes	A. L. Haralson	L. B. Parker
1874					
1875	Randolph				
1876	Poultersville	A. Andrews	A. Andrews	W. R. Gandy	L. B. Parker
1877					
1878	Fellowship				
1879	Harmony				
1880	Bethesda	A. Andrews	A. Andrews	W. C. Adair	L. B. Parker
1881	Mt. Vernon	W. Lee	A. Andrews	W. C. Adair	L. B. Parker
1882	Mulberry	J. Allen	A. Andrews	W. C. Adair	L. B. Parker
1883	Chestnut Ck	W. Lee	A. Andrews	J. L. Williams	W. C. Adair
1884	Big Spring	J. A. Mullins	A. Andrews	H. E. Longierier	W. C. Adair
1885	Poultersville	G. W. Mills	A. Andrews	H. E. Longierier	K. Wells
1886	Mount Zion	W. Lee	William Lee	H. E. Longierier	K. Wells
1887	Ebenezer	J. A. Mullins	William Lee	H. E. Longierier	K. Wells
1888	Harmony	A. Andrews	William Lee	H. E. Longierier	K. Wells
1889	Chestnut Ck	F. M. Vines	A. Andrews	H. E. Longierier	K. Wells
1890	Fellowship	A. L. Blizzard	A. Andrews	H. E. Longierier	K. Wells
1891	Bethesda	G. W. Mills	J. Falkner	H. E. Longierier	K. Wells
1892	Mulberry	H. E. Longierier	J. Falkner	H. E. Longierier	K. Wells
1893	Shiloh	A. Andrews	J. Falkner	H. E. Longierier	K. Wells
1894	Randolph	G. W. Mills	J. Falkner	H. E. Longierier	K. Wells
1895	Harmony	W. N. Huckabee	J. Falkner	T. M. Henley	K. Wells
1896	Fellowship	J. A. Mullins	A. J. Brooks	T. M. Henley	K. Wells
1897	Clinton	Hardy Jones	A. J. Brooks	T. M. Henley	K. Wells
1898	Poultersville	J. Falkner	A. J. Brooks	T. M. Henley	K. Wells
1899	Yatesville	W. J. Ruddick	A. J. Brooks	W. J. Ruddick	K. Wells
1900	Ebenezer	G. W. Mills	A. J. Brooks	W. J. Ruddick	K. Wells
1901	Big Spring	J. W. Mitchell	A. J. Brooks	W. J. Ruddick	K. Wells
1902	Mt. Carmel	J. M. McLeod	A. J. Brooks	W. J. Ruddick	K. Wells
1903	Chestnut Ck	H. Jones	A. J. Brooks	W. J. Ruddick	K. Wells
1904	Evergreen	J. W. Dunaway	J. W. Dunaway	W. J. Ruddick	K. Wells
1905	Mount Zion	W. J. Ruddick	J. G. Lowery	W. J. Ruddick	W. I. Mullins
1906	Fellowship	J. G. Lowery	J. G. Lowery	W. J. Ruddick	W. I. Mullins
1907	Providence	F. M. Woods	J. G. Lowery	W. J. Ruddick	W. I. Mullins
1908	Bethesda	R. H. Long	F. M. Woods	W. J. Ruddick	W. I. Mullins
1909	Bethesda	W. J. Ruddick	F. M. Woods	W. J. Ruddick	H. W. Caffey
1910	Mulberry	E. L. Manning	F. M. Woods	W. J. Ruddick	E. B. Deason
1911	Flemington	J. M. Smoke	F. M. Woods	W. J. Ruddick	E. B. Deason

